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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6,8-10,12-14,16-22,27-29,31,32 and 35-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6,8-10,12-14,16-22,27-29,31,32 and 35-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Because of newly discovered art, the Non-Final Rejection of 07/05/07 has been withdrawn and replaced with the following Non-Final Rejection. The claims that were cancelled based on the previous Non-Final have been rejoined. The Examiner regrets any inconvenience.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 27 and 28** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka Isamu JP 57156156.

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Isamu discloses a method of grinding a ferrous roll having a rotating roll surface with a rotating grinding wheel, the method comprising: mounting the grinding wheel on a rotating spindle; bringing the rotating wheel into contact with the rotating roll surface and traversing the wheel across the roll length, and grinding the roll surface while maintaining one or both of the grinding wheel rotational speed and the mill roll rotational speed is varied at an amount of +/-1 to 40% in amplitude, with a period of 1 to 30 seconds; and the wheel rotational frequency is varied at an amplitude of +/-20% with a period of less than 5 seconds (Figs. 1-3 and Abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claim 32** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isamu.

Isamu is described above. Isamu does not specifically disclose the dimension of the workpiece. The results of the grinding process is essentially the same as those claimed in the instant application; therefore the size of the workpiece does not lend any criticality to the outcome of the grinding process.

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5. **Claim 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-10, 12-14, 16-22 and 31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isamu in view of White US 20020052168 A1. Isamu is described above. Isamu does not specifically disclose a TT to WWC greater than 25°. White discloses a grinding apparatus in which the TT to WWC is greater than 25° so as to enhance the grinding operation based on the hardness of the surface. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the apparatus of Isamu et al. to have made the TT to WWC greater than 25° as taught by White so as to enhance the grinding operation based on the hardness of the surface.

6. **Claims 29 and 35** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isamu in view of Mori et al. US 2002/0009950. Isamu is described above. Isamu does not specifically disclose a surface roughness of less than 3 micrometer and the abrasive layer comprising diamond or cubic boron nitride. Mori et al. discloses a grinding apparatus in which the grindstone is made of material selected from the group comprising diamond and cubic boron nitride that provide a surface hardness of less than 3 microns so as to enhance the smoothness of the surface of the workpiece. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the grindstone of Isamu out of material selected from the group comprising diamond and boron nitride that provide a surface finish of less than 3 microns as taught by Mori et al. so as to enhance the smoothness of the workpiece.

7. **Claim 36** is rejected for being dependent on a cancelled claim.

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8. Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isamu in view of Smith 5,177,901.

Isamu is described above. Isamu does not specifically disclose a rotational speed of 3,600 to 12,000 fpm. Grinding wheel system in which the grinding wheel is rotated from 3,600 fpm to 12,000 fpm so as to minimize the occurrence of metallurgical fracture. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the apparatus of to have made the grinding wheel of Isamu to have the grinding wheel rotated from 3,600 fpm to 12,000 fpm as taught by Smith so as to minimize the occurrence of metallurgical fracture.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALVIN J. GRANT whose telephone number is (571)272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Alvin J Grant/
Examiner, Art Unit 3723